

c2 (c) an aperture defined by a housing wall and extending through the interior cavity but isolated from the interior cavity by the housing wall.

14. An apparatus for protecting one or more electrical pin connectors on a circuit board comprising:

(a) a housing means for defining an interior cavity and for receiving at least one pin connector;

c3 (b) a mechanism for removably securing the housing means over the pin connector;

(c) a mechanism for aligning the interior cavity of the housing means with the pin connector; and

(d) an aperture defined by a wall of the housing means and extending through the interior cavity and isolated from the interior cavity by the wall.

18. In a computer system having a circuit board and one or more electrical pin connectors affixed thereon, a method for preventing damage or contamination of the pin connector comprising:

c4 (a) providing a protective cover having a housing with an interior cavity defined therein, an aperture defined by a wall of the housing and extending through the interior cavity and isolated from the interior cavity by the housing wall, and mechanisms for aligning the protective cover with features of the circuit board and for removably securing the protective cover over the pin connector;

(b) aligning the protective cover with features on one of the circuit board and pin connector; and

(c) removably securing the protective cover adjacent the circuit board so that the pin connector is disposed within the interior cavity of the protective cover.

Please add the following claim.

c5 23. An apparatus for protecting one or more pin connectors on a circuit board comprising:

(a) a housing having a housing wall defining a plurality of interior cavities,
each of the interior cavities sized to surround at least one pin connector;

CS (b) a mechanism for removably securing the housing over the circuit board;

and

(c) a mechanism for aligning the plurality interior cavities with a plurality of pin
connectors.
